

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
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3. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe as set forth in claim 7, wherein the protective sheath is slidably fitted outside the tubular portion of the fixed sheath.

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a 4. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe as set forth in claim 7, wherein the protective sheath comprises two or more slide sheaths.

5. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

a pair of wings; wherein,

at least one of the two wings is coupled to the protective sheath so as to be movable with the protective sheath.--

a2 -- 7. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe, comprising:
a hollow needle to be inserted into a body of a patient;
a fixed sheath fixing the hollow needle and having a tubular portion, the tubular portion partially covering the needle; and
a protective sheath slidably fitted to and guided by the tubular portion of the fixed sheath; wherein,

the protective sheath and the tubular portion of the fixed sheath have a locking means for restricting sliding movement of the protective sheath relative to the tubular portion, and the